



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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July 23, 2008

Brenda Schye, Treasurer
Montana Democratic Party
P.O. Box 802
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Response Due Date:
August 22, 2008

Identification Number: C00010033

Reference: June Monthly Report (5/01/08-5/31/08)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 items:

1. Schedule A supporting Line 11(c) of your report discloses a negative entry in the amount of -\$20,000 which appears to represent an apparent transfer of an excessive receipt from "United Food and Commercial Workers". Memo text attached to this entry states, "Excessive contribution amount of \$20,000 transferred to the non-federal account shown on Line 29". However, you have failed to disclose a disbursement on Schedule B for Line 29 to transfer out this excessive amount. Please be advised that any transfers-out to your non-federal account should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

Furthermore, your committee discloses a new debt incurred this period of \$20,500 owed to the non-federal account. Memo text attached to this entry states, "Debt for transfer of excessive contribution amount of \$20,000 from United Food and Commercial Workers". If you did not make a transfer-out to your non-federal account for the excessive contribution received, then you have properly disclosed this debt. However, if you have made a transfer-out of the excessive amount during this reporting period, this transaction is not required to be disclosed on Schedule D. Please amend your report to clarify the nature of this debt.

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Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited or excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to transfer-out the amount will be taken into consideration.

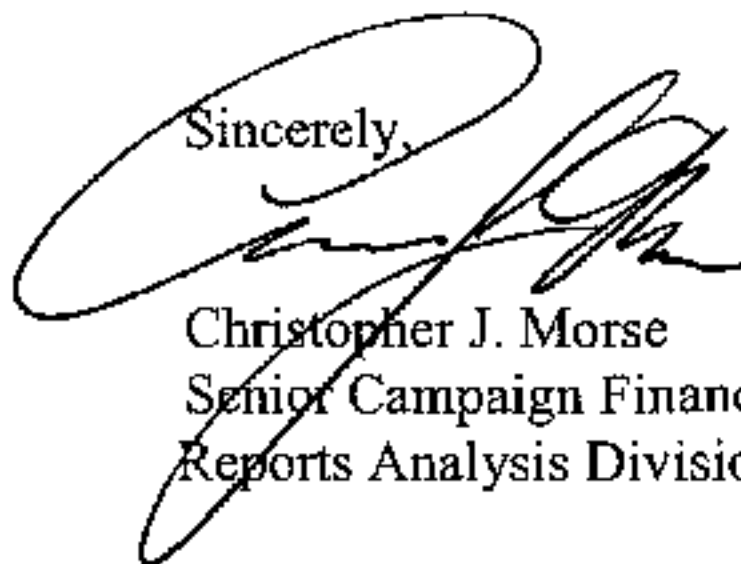
2. In memo text disclosed on your 2008 May Monthly Report, you state "Excess contribution is transferred in May and will appear on the June Monthly report." However, you have failed to disclose the transaction during this reporting period. Any transfers-out should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

Please inform the Commission if you were unable to take corrective action as previously indicated and provide a photocopy of your check for any subsequent transfer-out. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited or excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to transfer-out the amount will be taken into consideration.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1133.

Sincerely,



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